



# Jude: An Overview

# **I. Background:**

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## **A. The Author (1a): Jude, the half-brother of Jesus**

Hebrew = Judah

Greek = Judas

# **Matthew 13**

**<sup>53</sup> When Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there.**

**<sup>54</sup> He came to His hometown and began teaching them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers? <sup>55</sup> Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?**

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*The characterization of the readers as “the called” stresses the divine initiative in summoning them to salvation through the preaching of the gospel; it is assumed that they have in faith responded to His call.*

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## **John 10:27-29**

**<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; <sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.**

**<sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.**

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**C. The Prayer-Wish (2):**

**1. Mercy**

**2. Peace**

**3. Love**

## **II. The Purpose of the Letter (3-4):**

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**A. The Intended Purpose (3a)**

**B. The Actual Purpose (3b)**



<b>Sola Scriptura</b>	<b>Scripture Alone</b>	The bible is the sole authoritative source for faith and practice.
<b>Sola Christus</b>	<b>Christ Alone</b>	Salvation is through Jesus Christ alone, not through any other mediator.
<b>Sola Fide</b>	<b>Faith Alone</b>	Justification comes by faith alone, not by <u>works</u> or merit.
<b>Sola Gratia</b>	<b>Grace Alone</b>	Salvation is a gift of God's grace, not something we earn.
<b>Sola Gloria</b>	<b>Glory to God Alone</b>	All of life is to be lived for God's glory, not for human pride or status.

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- **Defending the gospel foundation is never easy or popular, but it is what every genuine believer is called to do.**
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## **Galatians 1:9**

**As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!**

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- **It was delivered to us.**

## **John 6:44-45**

**<sup>44</sup> No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught of God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.**

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### **1. Their Intrusion.**

## **2 Peter 2:1**

**But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.**

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*i. Characteristics: ungodly persons*

*ii. Conduct: who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness*

*iii. Creed: deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.*

## **Titus 1:16**

**They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.**

### **III. The Historical Fate of Apostates. (5-7)**

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## **Hebrews 10:23-25**

**<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; <sup>24</sup> and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.**

## **Hebrews 10:29-31**

**<sup>29</sup> How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? <sup>30</sup> For we know Him who said, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.” And again, “THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.” <sup>31</sup> It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

# **IV. The Description of Modern Apostates. (8-16)**

## **A. Their Conduct (8-11)**

**2 Peter 1:3**

**...His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him...**

## **Deuteronomy 34:5-6**

**<sup>5</sup> So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. <sup>6</sup> And He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day.**

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**B. Their Character (12-13)**

**C. Their Calamity (14-15)**



***In the case of false teachers, their lips reveal their discontentment, hypocrisy, lust, pride, and selfishness. Their mouths betray the wickedness of their hearts. And as Enoch foretold, their sin will one day be exposed by the perfect Judge who will render them guilty for their spiritual crimes.***

**John MacArthur**

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**D. Their Character Condensed. (16)**

## **V. The Exhortation to Believers. (17-23)**

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### **A. The Drive to Awareness of Apostasy. (17-19)**

### **B. The Directive for Security amid Apostasy. (20-21)**

- i. Personal Bible Study: building yourselves up on your most holy faith (20a)*
- ii. Personal Prayer: praying in the Holy Spirit (20b)*
- iii. Personal Holiness: keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. (21)*

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**C. The Duty Toward the Victims of Apostasy.  
(22-23)**

## **VI. The Concluding Doxology. (24-25)**

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